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October 12, 1988

Mr. Richard Carlson, Director Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 2200 Churchill Road Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Carlson:

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Recently, we have discovered our failure to submit followup letters to your office regarding past chemical releases from our plant. Our Mr. Jeff Carlton discussed this with Mr. Tom Powell of the Collinsville IEPA office who suggested that we send this letter to close out these files.

The specific incidents described in this letter occurred on the following dates:

May 7, 1987 June 3, 1987 January 5, 1988

The following information complies with the requirements of 35 IL Adm Code 725, 156(j) and is the same for all of the incidents:

Name, address, and telephone number of the operator:

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Name, address, and telephone number of the facility:

Same as operator

The following gives specific details about each incident:

7:00 p.m. May 7, 1987:

A leak in a line allowed about 300-500 gallons of 15% sulfuric acid to be spilled onto the asphalt pavement. About 50-100 gallons reached the plant sewer and went to

the American Bottoms Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (ABRWT) in Sauget. ABRWT was notified, as were the National Spill Response Center and ESDA in Springfield.

There were no injuries to anyone either inside or outside of the plant, and there were no potential hazards to either the environment or human health.

Lime was used to neutralize the spill that remained on the plant property. Ten cubic yards of lime and neutralized acid were hauled to Belleville Midstates Landfill under emergency authorization number 670507. The remainder of the acid went to the ABRWT facility.

The entire area where this pipe was located has been completely renovated. New tanks, pumps, and lines have been installed and the entire system is now diked. These changes have been successful in preventing a repeat of this type of spill.

12:25 p.m. June 3, 1987

Approximately 300-500 gallons of ferrous sulfate was spilled onto the ground when an operator accidentally left a valve partially open during a transfer. The material was kept on site and neutralized with lime. Tom Powell of IEPA was notified, as were the National Spill Response Center and ESDA in Springfield.

There were no injures to anyone either inside or outside of the plant, and there were no potential hazards to either the environment or human health.

Lime was used to neutralize the spill that remained on the plant property. One cubic yard of lime and neutralized acid were hauled to Belleville Midstates Landfill under emergency authorization number 670607.

The operator was instructed to verify that all valves are in the correct positions before transfers are made.

8:00 p.m. January 5, 1988

Approximately 100 gallons of sulfuric acid were spilled when a valve was left open on an air line connected to an acid tank. The acid ran along the asphalt and into a sewer. Lime was added to the ground and to the sewer to neutralize the acid. American Bottoms, ESDA, and the National Spill Response Center were notified about the spill.

There were no injuries to anyone either inside or outside of the plant, and there were no potential hazards to either the environment or human health.

Lime was used to neutralize the spill that remained on the plant property. One cubic yard of lime and neutralized acid were hauled to Belleville Midstates Landfill under emergency authorization number 680427. The remainder of the acid went to the ABRWT facility.

The operator was instructed to verify that all valves are in the correct positions before transfers are made.

Please contact Mr. Jeffrey Carlton or myself if you have any further questions regarding these incidents.

Sincerely,

Roger E. Rader

cc: Tom Powell - IEPA Collinsville
Jeff Carlton

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